

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Multilayered tubular food package casing or film for sausage casings, characterized by the following lamination structure ~~with at least six, preferably at least seven layers,~~ in order from outside to inside:

a)

- the first layer, ~~[[layer]]~~ in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the second layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising EVOH as a layer constituent;
- the third layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent;
- the fourth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising ~~a polyolefin~~ polyolefin as a layer constituent, ~~preferably polyethylene~~;
- the fifth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent; and
- the sixth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;

or b)

- the first layer, in order from outside to inside, ~~comprising~~ consisting of a polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the second layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising EVOH as a layer constituent;
- the third layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the fourth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent;
- the fifth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising [[a]] polyolefin as a layer constituent, preferably polyethylene;
- the sixth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent; and
- the seventh layer, in order from outside to inside, ~~comprising~~ consisting of a polyamide as a layer constituent;

or c)

- the first layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the second layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent;
- the third layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;

- the fourth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising EVOH as a layer constituent;
- the fifth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the sixth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent; and
- the seventh layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising ~~a polyolefin~~ polyamide as a layer constituent, ~~preferably polyethylene.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (currently amended) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that

wherein at least one of said layers comprising ~~[[a]]~~ polyolefin, ~~preferably polypropylene,~~ as a layer constituent~~[[,]] alternatively comprises, among others, additional~~ at least one polyolefin~~[[s,]] selected from the group consisting of:~~ polypropylene, EVA (ethyl vinyl alcohol) EM(M)A, ionomers and ~~mixtures~~ combinations thereof.

4. (currently amended) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that

wherein at least one of said layers comprising an adhesion agent comprises an adhesion agent on the basis of PE, EVA, EM(M)A or a ionomer as basic component.

5. (currently amended) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~

wherein at least one of said layers comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent
~~alternatively~~ comprises a mixture of polyolefin and adhesion agent or a mixture of EVA and/or
EM(M)A and adhesion agent.

6. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (currently amended) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~

wherein at least one of said ~~[[said]]~~ layers ~~having~~ comprising or consisting of polyamide as
a layer constituent ~~alternatively~~ comprises MXD6.

9. (currently amended) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
~~characterized by the fact that~~

wherein at least one of said layers comprising polyamide as a layer constituent~~[[,]]~~
comprises at least one polyamide selected from the group consisting of: ~~among others,~~
polycaprolactam (PA 6), polyhexamethylene adipamide (PA 66), PA 6/66, PA 11, PA 12, and
combinations thereof. ~~or mixtures of these polyamides~~

10. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,

wherein at least one of said layers comprising polyolefin as a layer constituent comprises polyethylene.

11. (new) A sausage casing comprising the food package casing or film of claim 1.

12. (new) Multilayered tubular food package casing or film for sausage casings, characterized by the following lamination structure in order from outside to inside:

a)

- the first layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the second layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising EVOH as a layer constituent;
- the third layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent;
- the fourth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyolefin as a layer constituent;
- the fifth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent; and
- the sixth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;

or c)

- the first layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the second layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent;
- the third layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the fourth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising EVOH as a layer constituent;
- the fifth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent;
- the sixth layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent; and
- the seventh layer, in order from outside to inside, comprising polyamide as a layer constituent.

13. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,

wherein at least one of said layers comprising polyolefin as a layer constituent comprises at least one polyolefin selected from the group consisting of: polypropylene, EVA (ethyl vinyl alcohol) EM(M)A, ionomers and combinations thereof.

14. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,

wherein at least one of said layers comprising an adhesion agent comprises an adhesion agent on the basis of PE, EVA, EM(M)A or a ionomer as basic component.

15. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
wherein at least one of said layers comprising an adhesion agent as a layer constituent comprises a mixture of polyolefin and adhesion agent or a mixture of EVA and/or EM(M)A and adhesion agent.

16. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
wherein at least one of said layers comprising or consisting of polyamide as a layer constituent comprises MXD6.

17. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
wherein at least one of said layers comprising polyamide as a layer constituent comprises at least one polyamide selected from the group consisting of: polycaprolactam (PA 6), polyhexamethylene adipamide (PA 66), PA 6/66, PA 11, PA 12, and combinations thereof.

18. (new) Food package casing or film for foodstuff packages according to claim 1,
wherein at least one of said layers comprising polyolefin as a layer constituent comprises polyethylene.

19. (new) A sausage casing comprising the food package casing or film of claim 1.